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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 13 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10:30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Briefing by the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Afghanistan

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2000/1156)

Other matters

Morning*	4246th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Cyprus

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/2000/1138)

* Following the adjournment of the Consultations of the Whole.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on the Special Session of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS

The 1st meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on the Special Session of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS will be held on Friday, 15 December 2000 at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The President of the General Assembly will introduce a Conference Room Paper on the special session (HIV/AIDS/CRP.1).

Copies of the Conference Room Paper in all the official languages of the United Nations are available in Room S-2925.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

10.30 a.m.	209th (closed) meeting*	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Results-based budgeting (A/54/456 and Adds.1-5, A/55/543 and A/54/287 and Add.1))

3 p.m.*	38th meeting	Conference Room 3

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [127]

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [128]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.5/55/L.15 and L.16

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [153]

Report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations and other related reports (A/55/305, A/55/502, A/55/507 and Add.1, A/C.4/55/6 and A/55/676)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

Human resources management [123]

Safety and security of United Nations personnel (A/55/494 and A/55/658)

Conclusion of general discussion

Afternoon*-6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Results-based budgeting (A/54/456 and Adds.1-5, A/55/543 and A/54/287 and Add.1) and Outsourcing practices (A/55/301 and A/55/479))

7 p.m.-10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme planning A/55/16, A/55/6 (Introduction and programmes 1-25), A/55/63, A/55/73, A/55/85, A/C.5/55/14, A/C.5/55/17, A/C.5/55/18, A/C.5/55/19, A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/22))

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

* Following the adjournment of the 38th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS
OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of the Third and the Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 (Human rights) (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Revised estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized
2. Integrated Management Information System (IMIS)
3. Draft report

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**GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

Informal panel

There will be an informal panel dialogue at the level of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in Development" *today*, 13 December 2000, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri (Finland), President of the General Assembly. Introductory comments will be made by H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), President of the Economic and Social Council, followed by keynote addresses by Mr. Patrizio Civili, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Dr. Mamphela Ramphele, Managing Director of the World Bank, and Mr. Mark Malloch-Brown, Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme. There will also be short prepared comments by delegations from the floor, followed by free dialogue.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Announcements

Background information on the draft provisional outcome document of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children can be obtained by interested delegations from the Secretariat (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-5143 or 963-2356). It will also be available at the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/specialsession/).

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The Department of Economic and Social Affairs announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429; or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 13 December 2000

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, *today*, 13 December 2000, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Russian Federation Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/russia.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 14 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 85th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/55/L.56/Rev.1) [182]

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: draft resolution (A/55/L.64) [20]

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations:

      (i) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/649)

      (ii) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.38/Rev.1, A/55/L.54)

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/55/L.35/Rev.1, A/55/L.36, A/55/L.53, A/55/L.55/Rev.1, A/55/L.57, A/55/L.59, A/55/L.60, A/55/L.61, A/55/L.65)

   (c) Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/55/L.63)

3. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [54]

4. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [55]

5. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [56]

6. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [57]

7. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development [58]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 3
	Open-ended Working Group	
3 p.m.*	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects will be held at United Nations Headquarters from 8 to 19 January 2001 in Conference Room 2.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 54/54 V, the Preparatory Committee is open to participation by all States. States are requested to provide the Secretariat, in writing, with information regarding the composition of their delegations. This information should be sent to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Department for Disarmament Affairs, (room S-3100A; fax: (212) 963-1121) by Friday, 22 December 2000.

Delegations intending to circulate documents as documents of the Preparatory Committee are invited to submit them to the Secretariat for processing at the earliest possible date.

Delegations are reminded to provide at least 300 copies of any document or statement intended for this session of the Preparatory Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 19 December 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

First regular session for 2001

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 22 to 26 January 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 15 January 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (22-26 January 2001) will take place on Monday, 8 January 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 14 December 2000, from 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Consultative Group on preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing on Friday, 15 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9. Advance copies of material for the Preparatory Committee meeting for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will be distributed.

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There will be a meeting of the Western European and Other States Group on Friday, 15 December 2000, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 19 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting of interested delegations on agenda item 173 (Towards Global Partnerships), under the chairmanship of H.E. Dr. Hanns Schumacher (Germany), on Thursday, 14 December 2000, at 3.15 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Friday, 15 December 2000, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

4245th meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (S/2000/1137)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In the absence of objection, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jacques Paul Klein, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Coordinator of United Nations Operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Coordinator of United Nations Operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Argentina, France, the United Kingdom, China, Bangladesh, the Netherlands, Tunisia, Jamaica, Malaysia, Ukraine, Canada, Mali and Namibia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the Russian Federation.

The representative of the United States made a further statement.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mr. Klein made a further statement.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

84th plenary meeting

Reports of the Sixth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 154 to 165, 171, 172 and 184.

Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/604) [154]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/55/604).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 154.

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/605) [155]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/55/605) (resolution 55/148).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 155.

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/606) [156]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/55/606) (resolution 55/149).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 156.

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/607) [157]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/55/607) (resolution 55/150).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 157.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-third session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/608) [158]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/55/608) (resolution 55/151).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 158.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-second session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/609) [159]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/55/609) (resolution 55/152).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 159.

Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/610) [160]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/610) (resolution 55/153).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 160.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/611 and Corr.1 (Arabic, English, French and Spanish only)) [161]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/55/611) (resolution 55/154).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 161.

Establishment of the International Criminal Court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/612) [162]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/55/612) (resolution 55/155).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 162.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/613 and Corr.1) [163]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/55/613) (resolutions 55/156 and 55/157).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 163.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/614) [164]

By 151 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/55/614) (resolution 55/158).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Egypt, the Sudan, Cuba, Qatar and Sierra Leone.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by Israel, the United States, Cuba, Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 164.

Review of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/615) [165]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/55/615) (resolution 55/159).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 165.

Observer status for the Inter-American Development Bank in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/616) [171]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/616) (resolution 55/160).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 171.

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/617) [172]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/55/617).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 172.

Observer status for the Economic Community of Central African States in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/55/648) [184]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/55/648) (resolution 55/161).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 184.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Sixth Committee before it.

Announcement

The President informed the General Assembly that he has reappointed H.E. Mr. Tuiloma Slade of Samoa, Permanent Representative of Samoa to the United Nations, and Mr. Alan Simcock of the United Kingdom, as the two co-chairpersons of the second meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on the Law of the Sea.

Postponement of the date of recess

The General Assembly decided to postpone the date of recess from Friday, 15 December, to Friday, 22 December 2000.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 17 (h) on the appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences and agenda items 20 (d) and 46 relating to Afghanistan, originally scheduled for Friday, 15 December 2000, were postponed to Tuesday, 19 December 2000, in the morning.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 83rd plenary meeting of the General Assembly (see *Journal* No. 2000/239, p. 11): the last agenda item considered should read as follows:

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/55/23 (Part III), Chapter XIII, G-para. 7 and H-para. 8, A/55/L.58) [18]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 37th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [117]

Human resources management [123]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

Safety and security of United Nations personnel

The United Nations Security Coordinator introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/55/650).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/55/658).

The representatives of Norway, the United States and France (on behalf of the European Union) informed the Committee that they would make formal statements on this question at the 38th meeting, to be held on Wednesday, 13 December, in the afternoon.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [153]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

The Director of the Peacekeeping Financing Division introduced the note by the Secretary-General (A/55/650).

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it (a) take note of the note by the Secretary-General on Reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment (A/55/650) and (b) decide to convene a post-Phase V Working Group meeting during the period 15 to 26 January 2001 to conduct a review on the issues itemized in accordance with its resolution 54/19 B of 15 June 2000 and draft resolution in A/C.5/55/L.6 which was adopted by the Fifth Committee on 23 October 2000.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on Psychotropic Substances. Vienna, 21 February 1971

Accession: United Republic of Tanzania (7 December 2000)*

Constitution of the World Health Organization. New York, 22 July 1946

Acceptance: Yugoslavia (28 November 2000)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 28 May 1959

Acceptance: Yugoslavia (28 November 2000)*

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 23 May 1967

Acceptance: Yugoslavia (28 November 2000)*

Amendments to articles 34 and 55 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 22 May 1973

Acceptance: Yugoslavia (28 November 2000)*

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 17 May 1976

Acceptance: Yugoslavia (28 November 2000)*

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 12 May 1986

Acceptance: Yugoslavia (28 November 2000)*

Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Vienna, 8 April 1979

Accession: Yugoslavia (6 December 2000)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Accession: El Salvador (8 December 2000)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: El Salvador (8 December 2000)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: El Salvador (8 December 2000)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Ratification: Slovakia (8 December 2000)*

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Ratification: Liechtenstein (11 December 2000)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Pakistan (5 December 2000)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO briefing is "Children and Their Future in a Troubled World". The briefing will take place on Thursday, 12 December 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 am. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium. At 10 a.m., the video "United Nations Year in Review" will be shown. The weekly DPI/NGO briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the press are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Yvonne Duncan (NGO Section, DPI (tel.: (212) 963-1285).

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International Migrants Day

On the occasion of the first commemoration of International Migrants Day, there will be a panel discussion, sponsored by the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the International Labour Organization Liaison Office with the United Nations, New York and the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Monday, 18 December 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The panel will include H.E. Sr. Gustavo Albin, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations; Bacre Ndiaye, Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; Mr. Gareth Howell, Officer-in-Charge of the International Labour Organization Liaison Office with the United Nations, New York and Professor Herbert Engman, Director, Cornell Migrant Program, Cornell University. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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